



RICHMOND
CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

"Improving Port Richmond to help you
focus on your business"

Minutes from the RCA General Meeting – November 09, 2012

Location: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority (PRPA)
3460 N. Delaware Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19134

Attendees:

George Groves – 3001 Castor Inc.
Larry Dooling – PJ Dooling Tire
Mark Kochanowicz – Coating Development Group, Inc.
Alan S. Berg – Nupro
Martha Doulas – Regal Int'l Leather
Steve Horton – MAP – NEDS
John Toner – M & T Bank
Don Brennan – PRPA
David Keiser – Tioga Pipe Supply
Keith Walker – Mural Arts
Florencio Rolon – Mural Arts
Mimi Limbach – Mural Arts
Lou Lesson – Sosmetal
Police Office Laurie Carter – PPD
Police Officer Tina Willis - PPD

Time: 8:45 – 9:45 AM

1. Minutes from the Octoberr general meeting were self-read and approved.
2. In the absence of Bruce Richman, Treasurer, Larry Dooling announced that RCA's fund is \$19166.71.
3. The groundbreaking ceremony of the East Coast Greenway at Pulaski Park was a success.
4. A RCA board of directors meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2012 at Bonk's Bar & Grille at 12 pm.
5. David Keiser reviewed the current draft of the contract for hiring an advocate for RCA with MAP/UII. David pointed out that the Manufacturing Alliance of Philadelphia (MAP) is a C6 organization which is an advocacy for members and the Urban Industry Initiative (UII) is a non-profit C3 organization.



RICHMOND CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

**"Improving Port Richmond to help you
focus on your business"**

6. Mark Kochanowicz read the proposal to the general membership. Two items of duty were struck from this new draft. The board will revise and bring to the next general meeting.
7. In regards to the surveillance system, Steve Horton stated that the proposal is in Harrisburg. Assuming the money becomes available in January, we have 6 months (June 30, 2013) to come up with volunteers and a program. This is a joint project with PRIDE. The money flows from Harrisburg to Philadelphia to the vendor. There is a \$30,000 cap.
8. Port Richmond Tool & Dye approached Larry Dooling and asked what can be done for them camera-wise. Larry suggested they attend a meeting.
9. The Port Richmond Civic Association is marketing the RCA strategic plan.
10. George Groves is trying to get Steve Jurash onboard with helping him get sections of Port Richmond deemed a Philadelphia Enterprise Zone. This should benefit the area with lower taxes. This will probably require a full-time position to handle this task. George will send an e-mail to Steve to make it an official request.
11. Police Officer Willis announced that Captain Vogt would like to meet with district business associations on a regular basis at the 24th district headquarters and form the Police District Advisory Council (PDAC).

Officer Willis delivered the October crime report for our area:
8 robberies, 7 aggravated assaults, 9 commercial burglaries, 12 retail thefts, and 28 thefts from vehicles.
12. Nativity BVM School (closed) is having a problem with people breaking in and stripping the metal from the school.
13. It was suggested to regularly videotape your property for insurance purposes. This is helpful for claims.
14. Register at Safe Com on the Phila.gov Web site.
15. The group discussed the liability issue of posting video of suspects in action on social media. RCA board members have E & O insurance.
16. DRCC is looking to put together a leadership committee for fundraising. George Groves will attend the meeting on November 13, 2012 at 7:45 am.



RICHMOND CORRIDOR ASSOCIATION

**"Improving Port Richmond to help you
focus on your business"**

- 17 Amy Riveria from the Kensington Food Co-Op wants to meet with RCA. Steve Horton will contact her.
- 18 The officers and many board members are up for re-election after having served their respective 2-year term. Voting should occur at the December meeting. We need members to step up, volunteer and lead!
- 19 The Fall cleanup occurred and the turnout wasn't great this time. If you as a member can't attend next time, please send some people from your company.
- 20 RCA should receive a \$150 check for their efforts lead by Steve Horton in the tire roundup.
- 21 Steve Horton will contact Elaine Elbich of Penn Dot to find out the impact of the Richmond St closing to RCA.
- 22 Mimi Limbach from the City of Philadelphia Mural Arts program spoke about their "readiness for work" training program which helps soon-to-be-released convicts find jobs. She handed out a brochure to the members. Two participants in the program, Keith Walker and Florencio Rolon addressed the membership and discussed their personal experiences with the program.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 AM.

Minutes prepared by Mark Kochanowicz

Upcoming Meetings:

December 12, 2012 at Weber Packaging and Display.

January 15, 2013 at PRPA